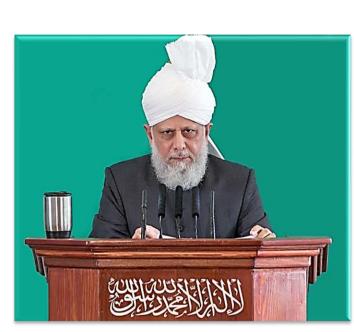
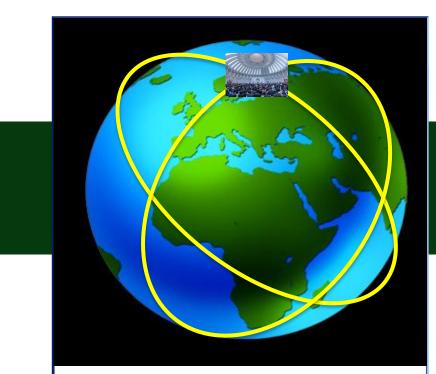
## <u>'Establishing True & Lasting</u> <u>Worship'</u>



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#### **'Establishing True & Lasting Worship'**

The month of Ramadan has passed by and there will be many who spent Ramadan in worship and making efforts to implement change within themselves.

We should pray that Allah the Almighty covers our shortcomings and grants us the ability to live our lives in the manner that Allah the Almighty desires for us to.

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#### **'Establishing True & Lasting Worship'**

After reciting Tashahhud,Ta'awwuz and Surah al-Fatihah, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) said that today is the last Friday of Ramadan.

The month of Ramadan has passed by and there will be many who spent Ramadan in worship and making efforts to implement change within themselves.

However, they were not able to implement their plans as they wished.

#### **Elevating Our Standard of Prayer & Virtue**

His Holiness (aba) said that Friday is a blessed day in which prayers are especially answered.

We should still strive in the remaining time left in Ramadan to pray that Allah the Almighty covers our shortcomings and grants us the ability to live our lives in the manner that Allah the Almighty desires for us to.

His Holiness (aba) said that if today, we vow in our prayers that after this Ramadan, we will continue to elevate the standard of our virtue, will strive to increase our connection with God

### Maintaining Levels Achieved During Ramadan for the Rest of One's Life

His Holiness (aba) said that as Ahmadis, we have pledged allegiance to the Imam of the Age, ...

.... and the conditions of bai'at (initiation) upon which we have accepted him are all rooted in righteousness.

This cannot be achieved through efforts limited to a single month, rather these efforts must transcend the month.

We must constantly strive to elevate the standards of our faith.

#### **Safeguarding from the Attacks of Satan**

His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who said that righteousness and ignorance cannot go hand in hand

> True righteousness carries within itself a certain light which distinguishes one from others.

His Holiness (aba) said that in the current age Satan has surrounded us from every angle and without the help of God, we cannot be saved from the clutches of Satan.

God's help is with the righteous, and in a time where the attacks of Satan are stronger than ever before, we must focus more on our prayers than ever before as well.

### **The Effect & Result of True Prayer**

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His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who said that if one observes the Holy Qur'an, they see that it begins with a prayer and ends with a prayer. This is a clear indication that nothing can be achieved without God. Until one attains the grace and blessings of God, they cannot accomplish anything. True prayer has a magnetic effect which attracts grace and blessings. ... Rather it is true prayer which is completely devoted to God that can open to doors for success

His Holiness (aba) continued quoting the Promised Messiah (as) who said that a natural result of true prayer is that one's desire for the world gradually diminishes.

His Holiness (aba) said that true worship takes us towards a higher level of morality and saves us from the clutches of Satan because such a person is in the protection of God.

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### Why Prayer Sometimes Remain Unbeneficial

His Holiness (aba) said that the essence of prayer is worship. One can offer prayer, but it is of no benefit if it remains bereft of true worship.

Otherwise, one can simply go to the mosque and offer prayer and then go on committing cruelties, as the various terrorist organisations of today do.

Hence, it is the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community who should establish the true example of prayers that draw the blessings and pleasure of Allah the Almighty.

#### Why Prayer Sometimes Remain Unbeneficial

His Holiness (aba) quoted the Promised Messiah (as) who said that true prayer is that in which a person's heart melts.

It should also be remembered that we must not safeguard our prayers with the thought that God requires our prayers.

God is not in need of anything, rather we are the ones who desperately need God and it is for this reason that it is imperative for us to safeguard our prayers.

# Prayers of His Holiness (aba)

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may we be able to worship in the true sense.

May we inherit the blessings of God. May we establish a connection with God and partake of the promises made by God to the Promised Messiah (as).

May we inculcate the habit of worship in our future generations so that they may be saved

May Allah the Almighty enable us to live our lives according to the teachings of Allah and His Messenger (sa) and the desire of the Promised Messiah (as).

May the pleasure of Allah be our ultimate objective. May Allah the Almighty enable us to do so.

# **Prayers of His Holiness (aba)**

His Holiness (aba) urged prayers for Ahmadis in Pakistan, that Allah may keep them safe from evil ploys of the enemies.

Pakistani Ahmadis should especially pray for their condition, and ensure that these prayers are not limited to a few days, but are continuous.

They too should vow to mould their lives in a manner that pleases God.

His Holiness (aba) also urged prayers for Ahmadis in Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Algeria and Ahmadis residing throughout the world, that Allah saves everyone from the evil ploys of the opponents.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah enable us to bring about virtuous changes within ourselves. May He grant us the ability to establish true prayers and may He accept those prayers.